

HOUSE No. 4997

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 23, 2010.

The committee on Higher Education to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1108) of Garrett J. Bradley relative to state tuition waivers, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1110) of Steven J. D'Amico for legislation to maintain faculty and college excellence in the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1111) of James H. Fagan relative to revenue bonds issued by the Educational Facilities Authority, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1162) of James H. Fagan and Robert F. Fennell relative to student fees assessed by public institutions of higher education, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1164) of Jay R. Kaufman and others that public school teachers be included in the tuition waiver program for public higher educational institutions, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1165) of Peter V. Kocot for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the establishment of a Pioneer Valley Polish heritage institute at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1166) of Paul Kujawski that institutions of higher education of the Commonwealth be required to file audited financial statements, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1167) of Paul Kujawski and others relative to annual financial statements of public higher education institutions, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1168) of Kevin J. Murphy relative to establishing a higher education assistance pilot program, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1169) of Kevin J. Murphy relative to supporting access and excellence in public higher education, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1171) of Alice Hanlon Peisch for legislation to restrict the Massachusetts Higher Education Consortium from charging a fee for providing qualified bidders with electronic bid information, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1172) of John W. Scibak and Bruce E. Tarr relative to establishing the John and Abigail Adams scholarship program, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1174) of Theodore C. Speliotis relative to the John and Abigail Adams scholarship program, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1175) of Marie P. St. Fleur and others relative to the eligibility of students for in-state tuition rates and fees at public higher educational institutions, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1176) of Walter F. Timilty for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the

General Court) relative to high cost of college, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1177) of Steven M. Walsh and others for legislation to establish a tuition-free program within the Board of Higher Education for teachers and paraprofessionals, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1178) of Martin J. Walsh for legislation to designate the student center at the University of Massachusetts at Boston as the George V. Kenneally, Jr., Student Center, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3565) of Kate Hogan relative to establishing an education loan repayment program for legislative and committee staff of the House of Representatives, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3566) of Paul Kujawski that certain fringe benefit costs shall not be paid from local trust funds at public institutions of higher education, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3567) of Paul Kujawski and others that the Health and Educational Facilities Authority state college and the community college loan pool, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3681) of Tom Sannicandro that the Board of Higher Education be required to provide Braille and electronic material to visually impaired students, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3899) of Jennifer M. Callahan that the grants for public higher education be administered by the higher educational institutions, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3900) of Jennifer M. Callahan and Bruce E. Tarr relative to nursing school articulation between degree granting programs of state and community colleges of the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3901) of William Smitty Pignatelli that investors in the "U Plan" educational program administer by the Treasurer and Receiver-General be authorized to direct investments by such investors, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3902) of William Smitty Pignatelli and others for legislation to establish a college savings fund within the Office of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4471) of Jennifer E. Benson, Ellen Story and others relative to establishing a public health Lyme disease research institute at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4997) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

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In the Year Two Thousand and Ten

1 *Ordered*, That the Joint Committee on Higher Education be authorized to sit during a
2 recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of house documents numbered
3 1108, 1110, 1111, 1162, 1164, 1165, 1166, 1167, 1168, 1169, 1171, 1172, 1173, 1174, 1175,
4 1176, 1177, 1178, 3565, 3566, 3567, 3681, 3899, 3900, 3901, 3902, and 4471, relating to higher
5 education.

6 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
7 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
8 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
9 on or before December 31, 2010.